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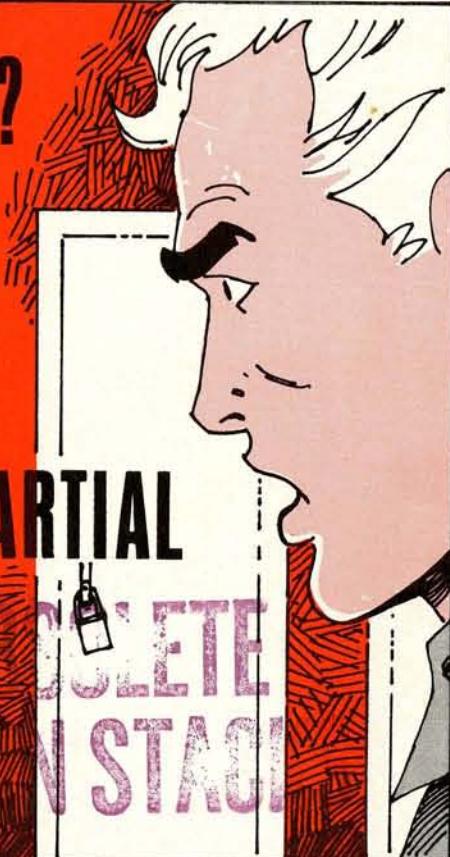
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THE SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL

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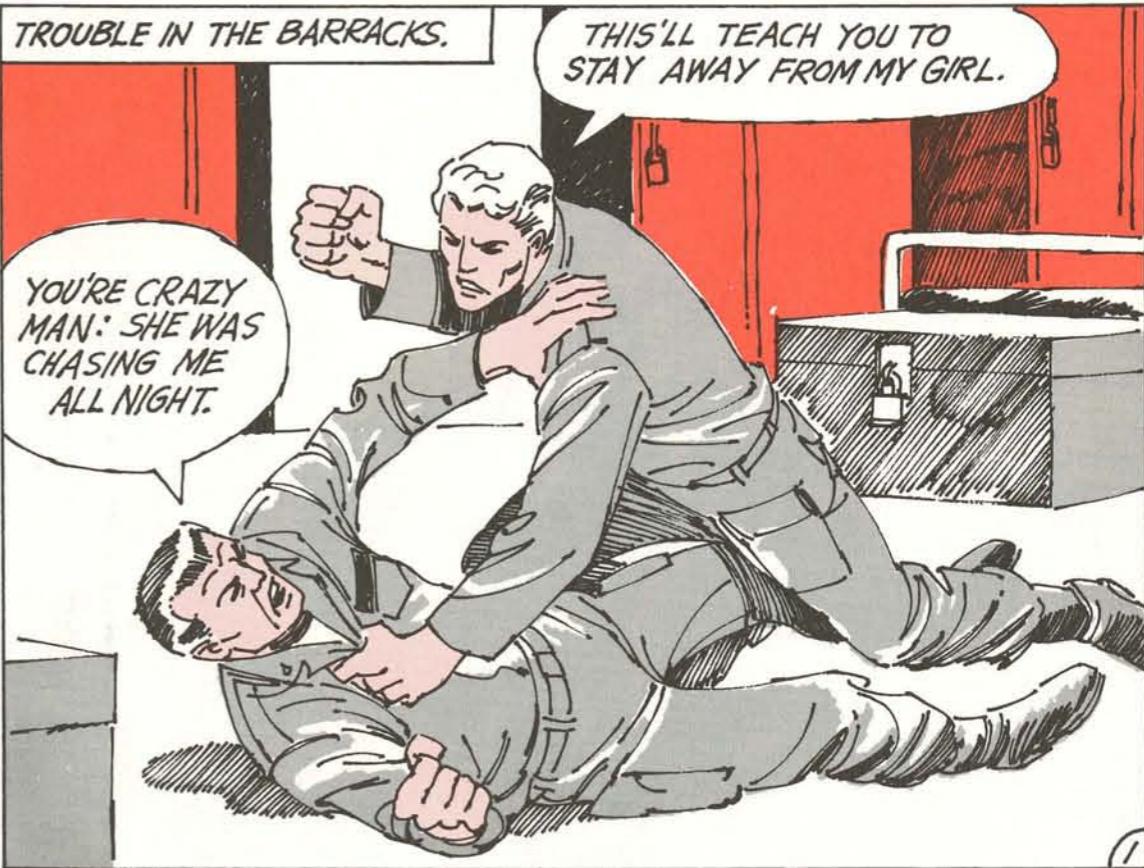
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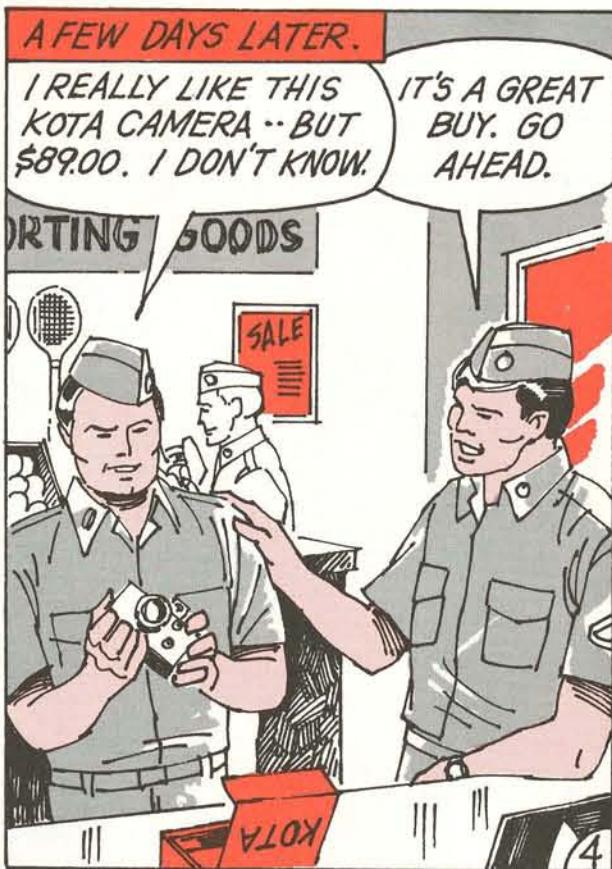
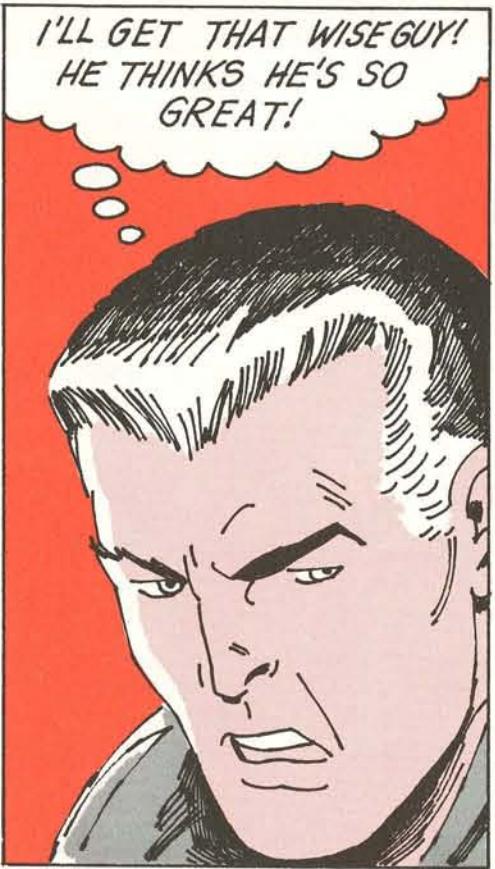
INSTRUCTIONAL POINTS

"WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?--THE SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL"

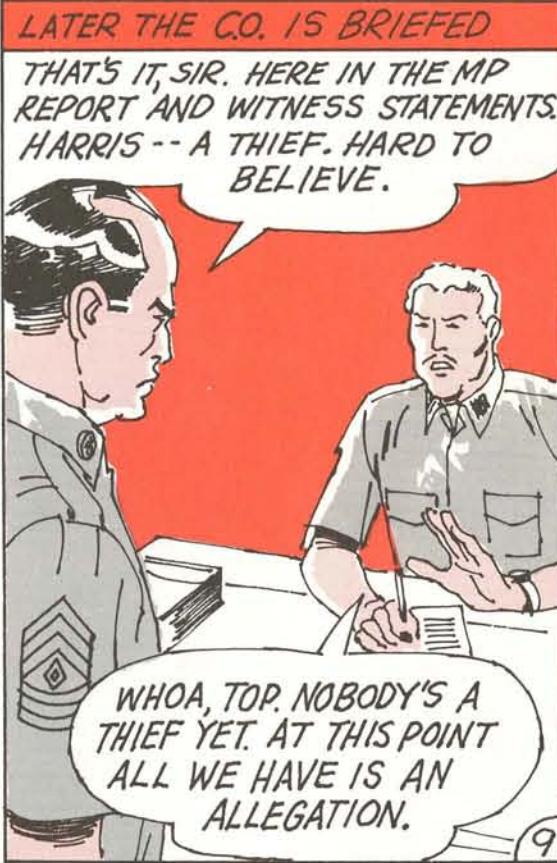
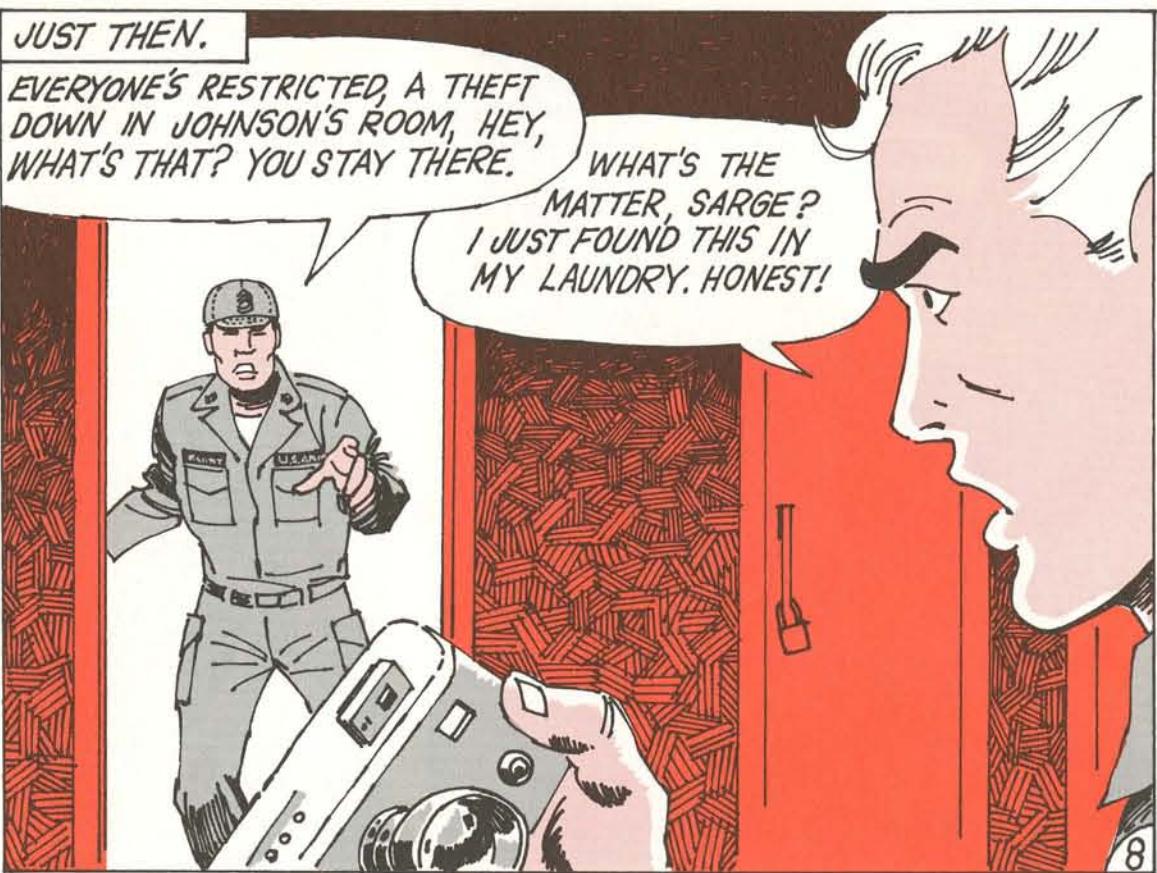
1. CRIMINAL CASES IN THE ARMY NORMALLY BEGIN AT THE COMPANY COMMANDER LEVEL.
2. A COURT-MARTIAL IS A CRIMINAL CASE AND A CONVICTION RESULTS IN A COURT-MARTIAL CONVICTION RECORD.
3. THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT FOR A REGULAR SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL IS SIX MONTHS' CONFINEMENT AT HARD LABOR, TWO-THIRDS FORFEITURE FOR SIX MONTHS, AND REDUCTION TO E1.
4. EACH COMMANDER MUST MAKE AN INDEPENDENT DECISION ON THE DISPOSITION OF EACH CASE.
5. AN ACCUSED IS PROVIDED AN ARMY LAWYER AS DEFENSE COUNSEL.
6. COURTS-MARTIAL ARE LEGAL PROCEDURES WHICH MAY BE CONFUSING TO AN ACCUSED, AND HE MUST RELY ON HIS COUNSEL FOR ASSISTANCE.
7. APPELLATE RIGHTS INCLUDE REVIEW BY THE COMMANDER, THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, AND IN SOME CASES BY THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

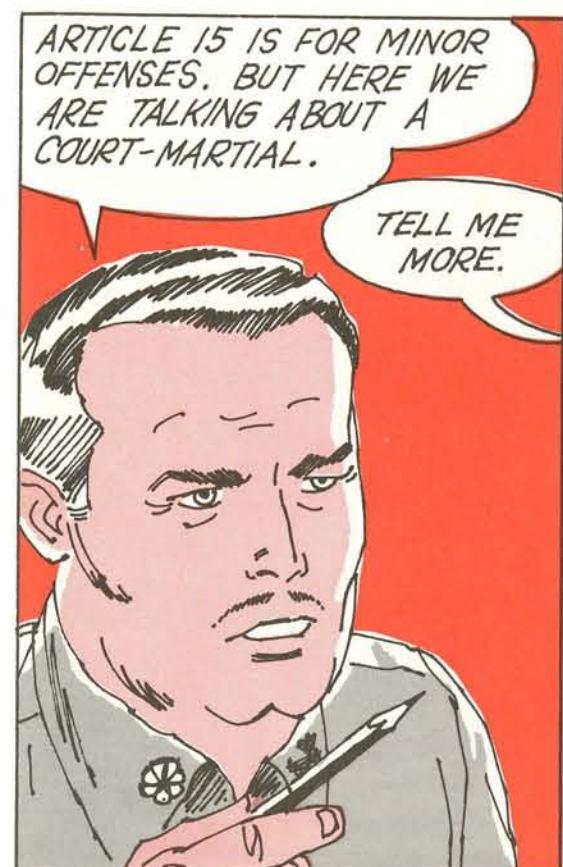
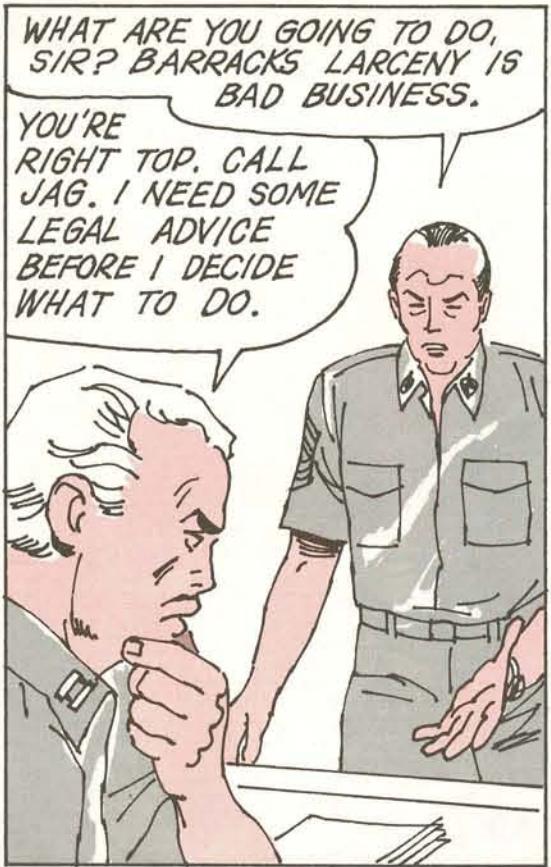












THAT'S RIGHT. IN ADDITION, AN ACCUSED TRIED BY SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR THIS OFFENSE CAN RECEIVE A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 6 MONTHS IN JAIL, FORFEITURE OF TWO THIRDS PAY PER MONTH FOR 6 MONTHS AND REDUCTION TO E1.

HOW ABOUT A DISCHARGE?



A PUNITIVE DISCHARGE IS POSSIBLE WHEN TRIED BY A BCD SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL OR BY A GENERAL COURT MARTIAL. DOES HARRIS HAVE A PRIOR COURT-MARTIAL?

NO. HE'S A GOOD SOLDIER.



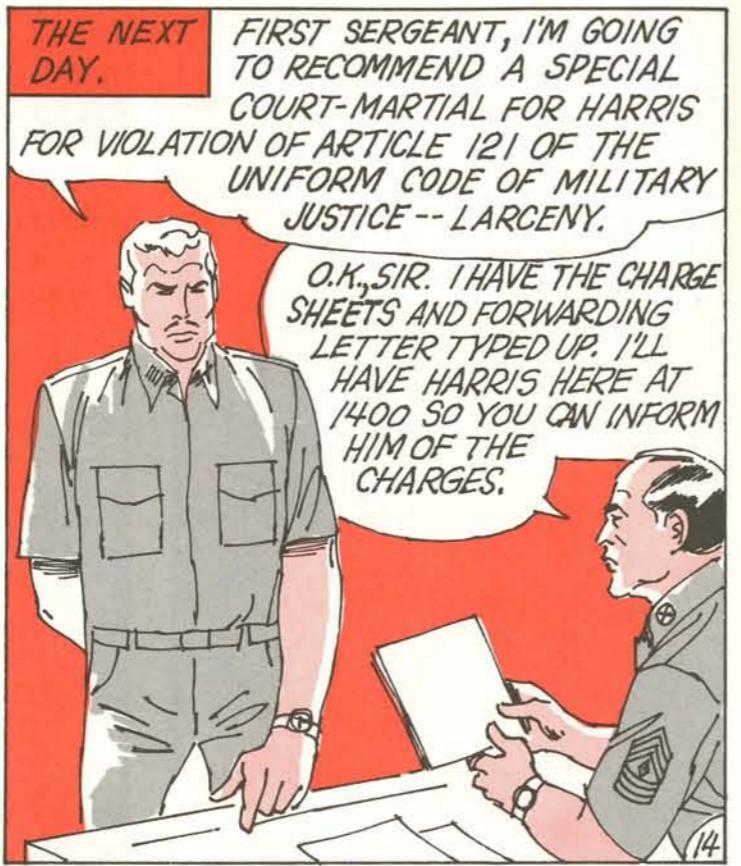
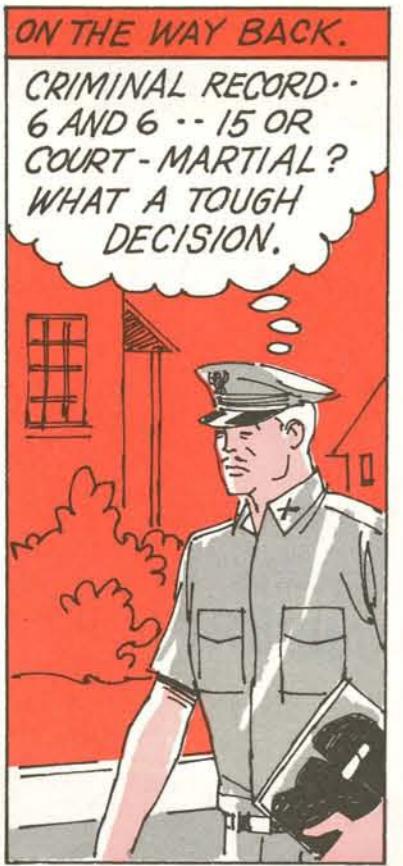
WELL. WHAT DO I DO? YOU LAWYERS GOTTA HELP ME.

I'VE ADVISED YOU ON ALL THE LEGAL ANGLES. BUT YOU HAVE TO DECIDE ON WHAT YOU WILL DO.



YOUR CHOICES ARE.

1. DROP THE CASE
2. USE ARTICLE 15
3. RECOMMEND A COURT-MARTIAL TO THE BATTALION COMMANDER.

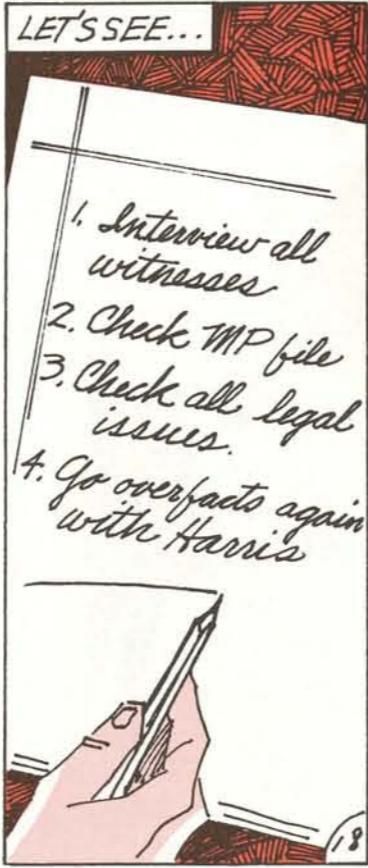


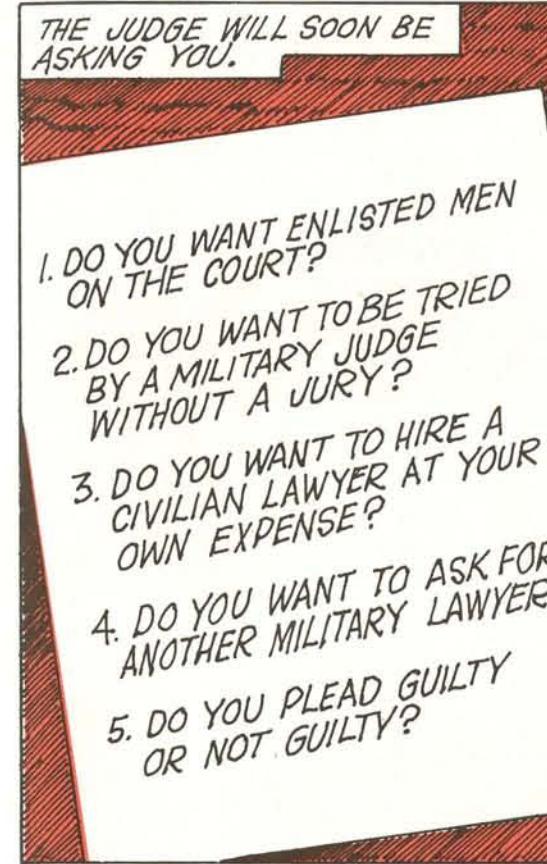
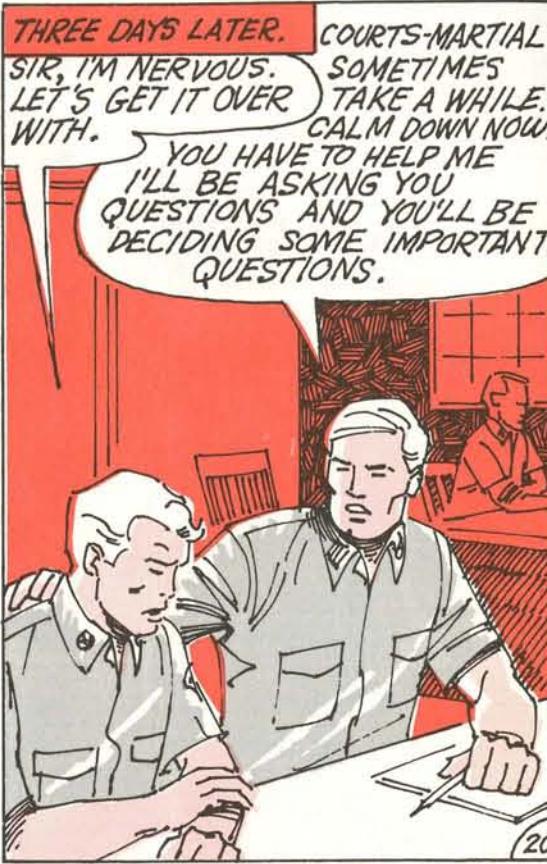
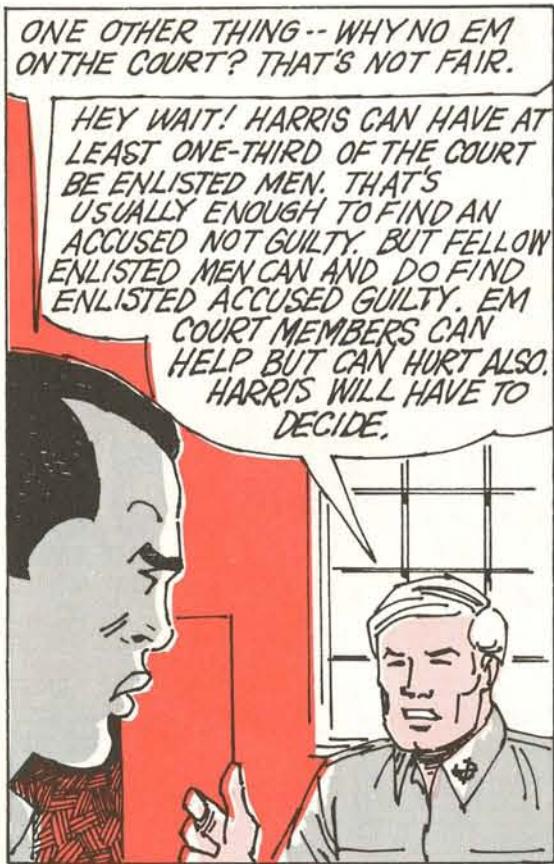
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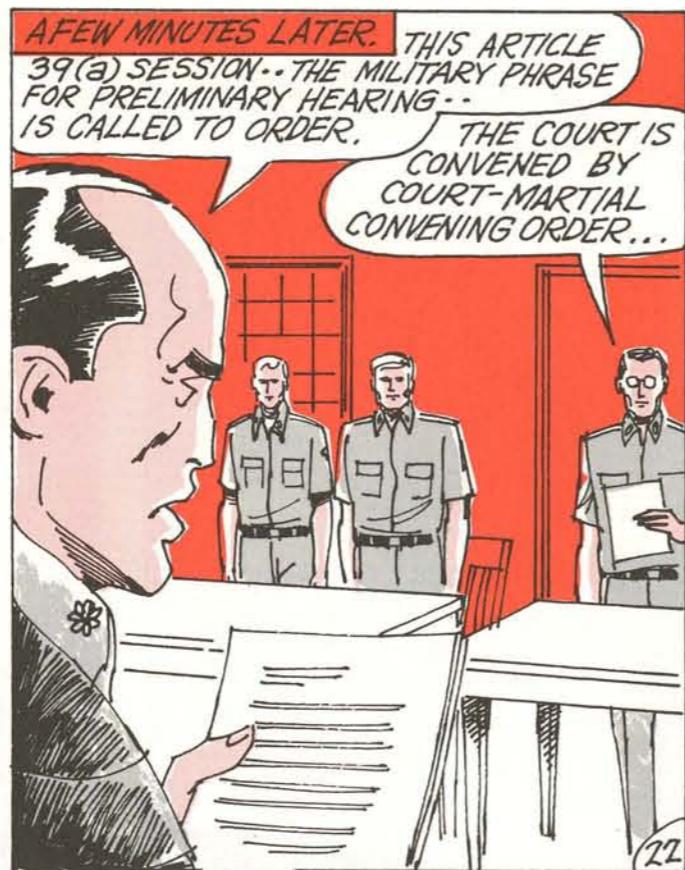


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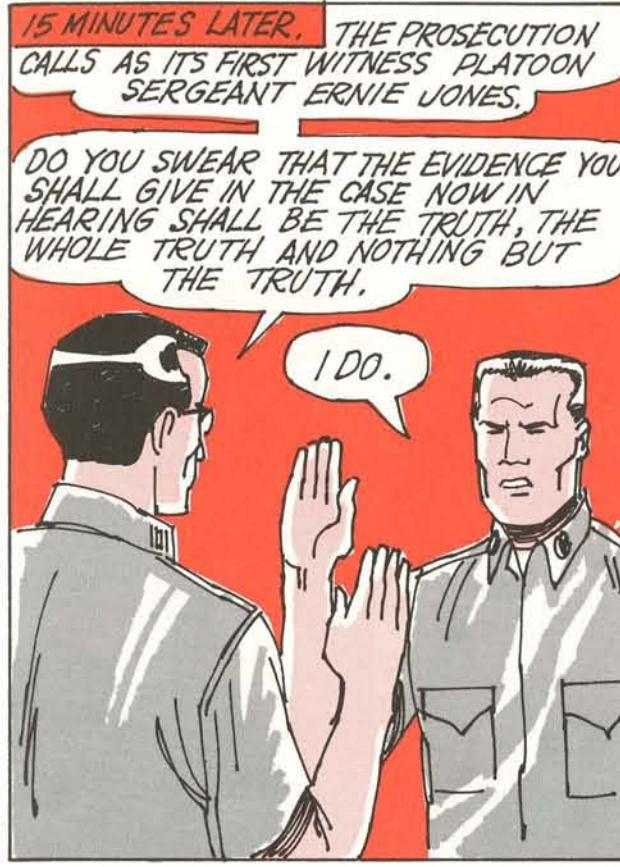








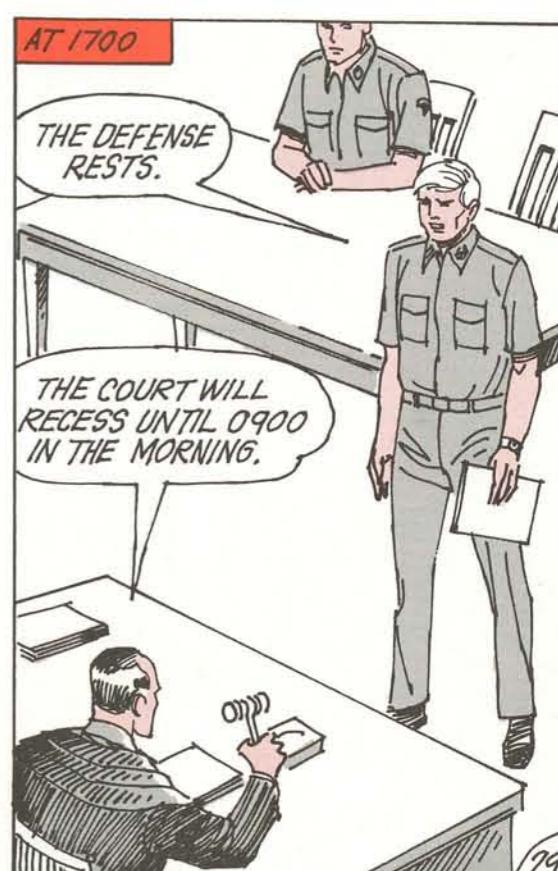
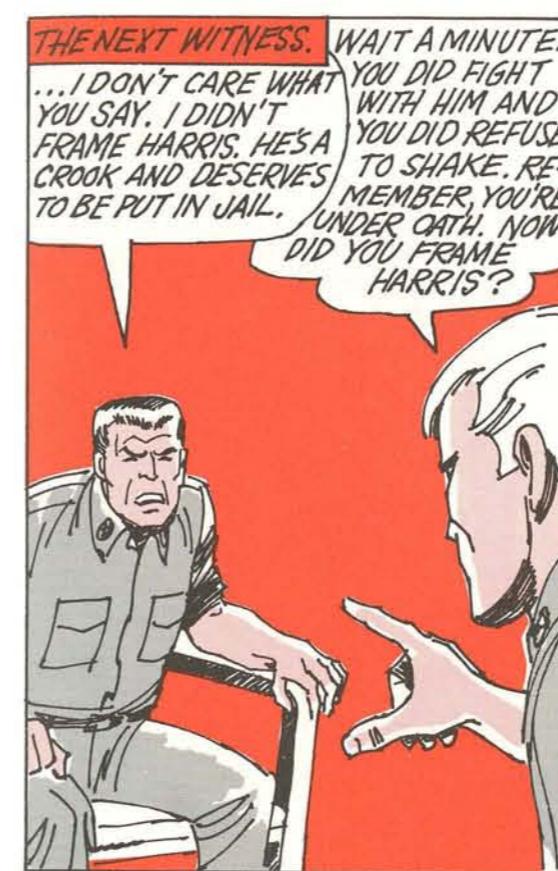
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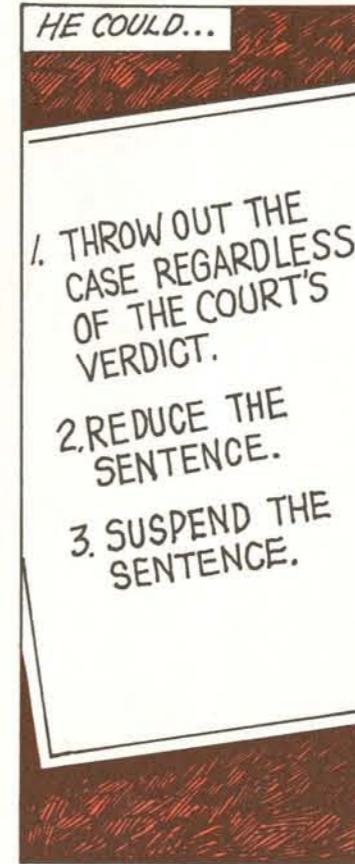
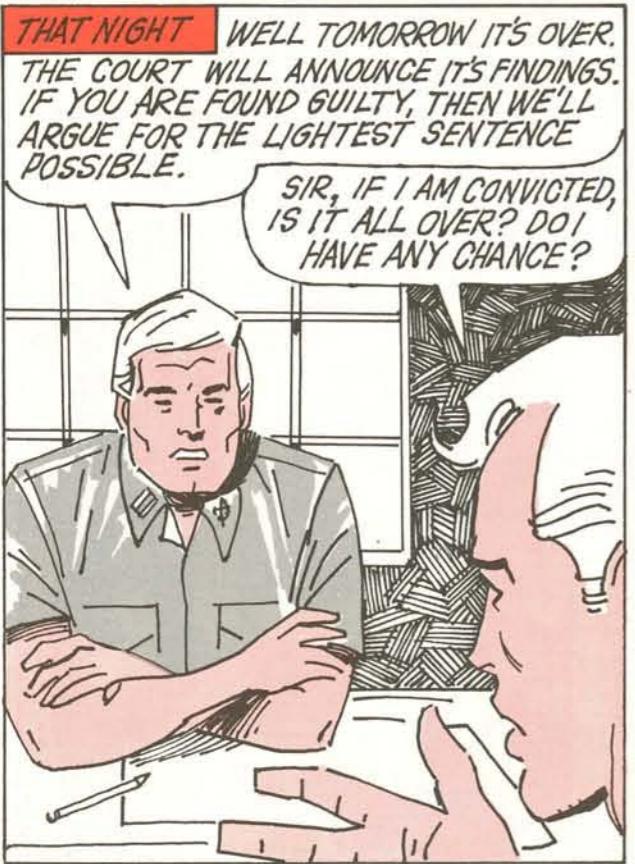


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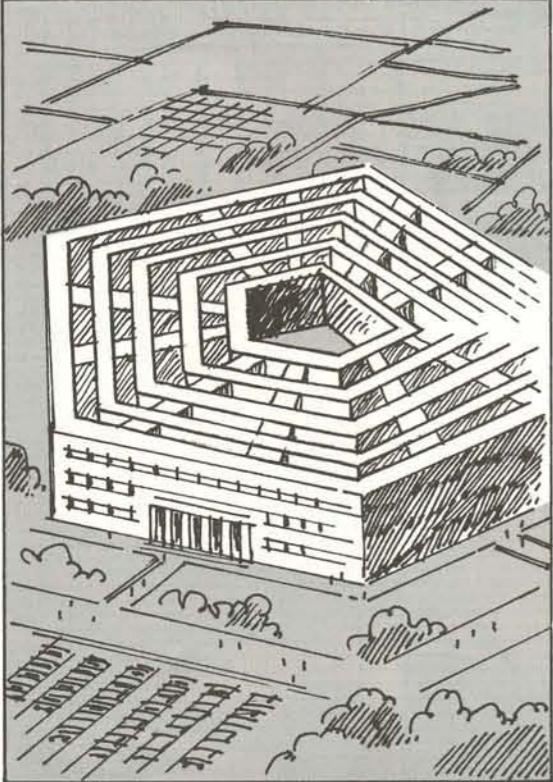








THE CASE CAN THEN BE LOOKED AT
IN WASHINGTON.

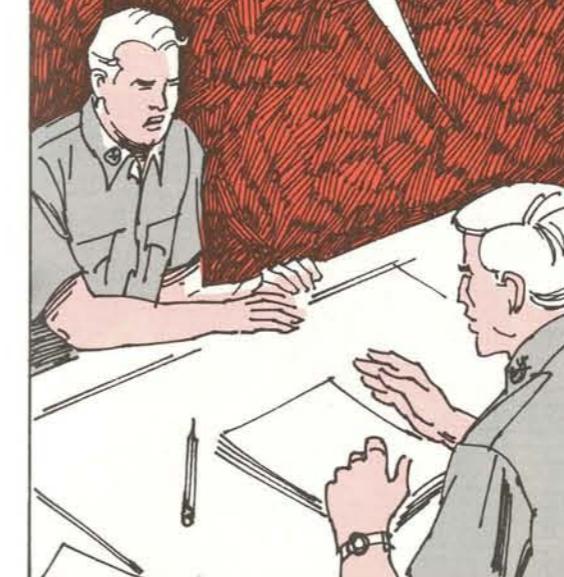


UNDER ARTICLE 69, UCMJ, THE JUDGE
ADVOCATE GENERAL HIMSELF CAN ACT
IN CERTAIN SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL CASES.



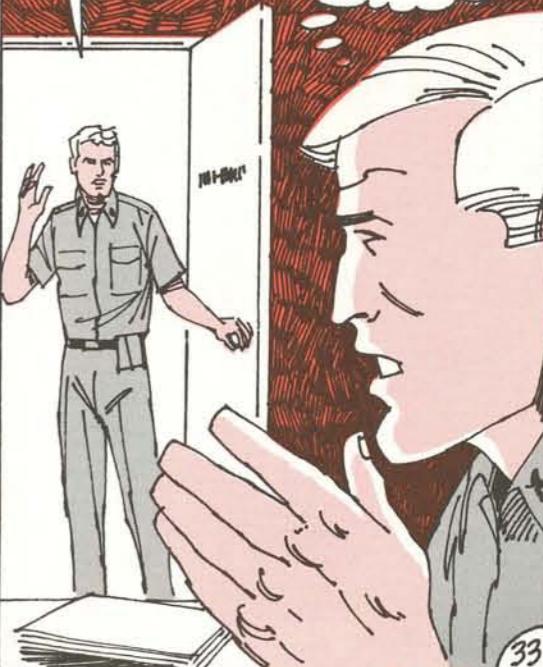
ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON.
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY
COULD GET INVOLVED.

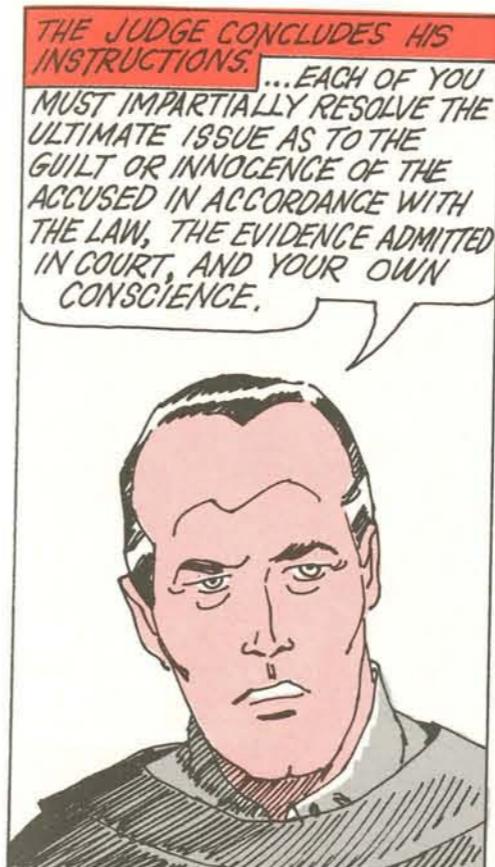
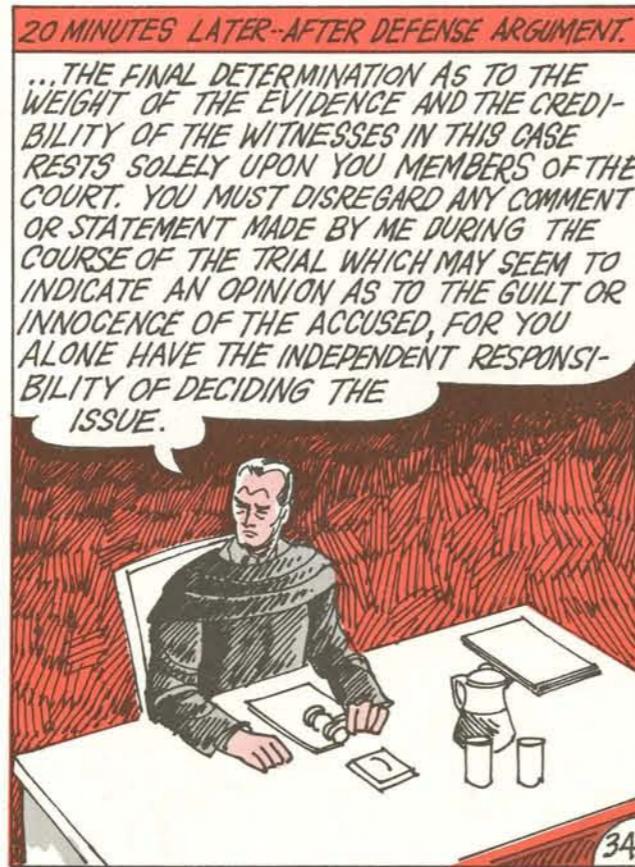
WELL, LET'S
THINK ABOUT
TOMORROW. IF NECESSARY,
I'LL HELP YOU WITH ANY
APPEALS. SEE YOU IN THE
MORNING.



2100 HOURS
SEE YOU IN COURT
SIR. HOPE WE
MAKE IT.

IT'S LATE BUT I'LL
PUT A FEW MORE
MINUTES IN ON THE
CLOSING ARGUMENT.
LET'S SEE....





THE COURT IN DELIBERATION

WELL! I THINK IT'S AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE. CLEARLY, HARRIS WAS FRAMED BY ANDERSON. RODRIEUEZ'S TESTIMONY BEARS THIS OUT!

I AGREE, YOU COULD JUST TELL BY THE WAY ANDERSON FLARED UP WHEN CPT. THOMPSON CORNERED HIM ABOUT THAT FIGHT. I THINK HE WAS OUT FOR REVENGE AND PLANNED THE WHOLE THING.

NOW, JUST HOLD ON. I'VE BEEN AROUND A WHILE AND IT'S A COMMON DEFENSE TACTIC TO TRY TO PUT THE BLAME ON SOMEONE OTHER THAN THEIR ACCUSED. I SAY THE MERE FACT THAT ANDERSON AND HARRIS GOT IN A FIGHT OVER A GIRL BEFORE THE THEFT OCCURED DOESN'T MEAN A THING. AFTER ALL, WE WEREN'T THERE TO SEE WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED. WE HAVE TO RECONSTRUCT THE FACTS FROM THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO DETERMINE THE TRUTH!



THE COURT HAS REACHED A VERDICT.

SP4 HARRIS, IT IS MY DUTY AS PRESIDENT OF THIS COURT TO INFORM YOU THAT THE COURT IN CLOSED SESSION AND UPON SECRET WRITTEN BALLOT...

...HAS FOUND YOU...



**GUILTY
OR
NOT
GUILTY**



**WHAT DO
YOU
THINK?**

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